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NEWSPAPERS:

1. WASH POST (MARDER FROM PRETORIA): "COMPROMISE BY
RHODESIA IS INDICATED; KISSINGER CONFIDENT SMITH WILL
REPORT FAVORABLY ON TALKS"

"SEC OF STATE KISSINGER TONIGHT RAISED HOPES THAT HE HAS
INDUCED RHODESIAN PM SMITH TO FAVOR A COMPROMISE THAT
COULD PRODUCE MAJORITY RULE BY BLACKS IN RHODESIA
RELATIVELY SOON.

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS ALSO WERE MORE POSITIVE ABOUT THE
PROSPECTS ...
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"THEY REPORTED TONIGHT THAT IN KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH
VORSTER 'CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE' FOR CONVENING A
CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE TERMS FOR NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

"KISSINGER WILL RETURN TO BLACK AFRICA ON MONDAY, FIRST TO ZAMBIA, TO TRY TO BRIDGE THE DIPLOMATIC GAPS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

"AFTER EIGHT HOURS OF TENSE TALKS WITH SMITH, KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE RHODESIAN LEADER IS RETURNING TO SALISBURY TO CONSULT WITH RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY LEADERS ON PROPOSALS KISSINGER PRESENTED. THEY ARE BASED ON TERMS PUT FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA'S BLACK PRESIDENTS.

"I'M SATISFIED THAT SMITH AND HIS THREE COLLEAGUES WILL REPORT FAVORABLY TO THEIR COLLEAGUES,' KISSINGER SAID. KISSINGER DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE OFFERS WHILE HE TRAVELS ON FROM PRETORIA TO MEET AGAIN WITH BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS.

"WHEN ASKED IF THIS REPRESENTS 'A BREAKTHROUGH' ... KISSINGER SIDESTEPED THAT TERMINOLOGY. HE SAID, 'OBVIOUSLY IF PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO REPORT TO THE RHODESIAN CABINET.'

"AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WERE TOLD THAT IN FACT NO BREAK-THROUGH CAN BE CLAIMED TONIGHT. BUT BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, KISSINGER INDICATED, IT WILL BE CLEAR WHETHER HIS AFRICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WILL BEAR FRUIT.

"... THIS LEFT A CLOUD OF DELIBERATE AMBIGUITY OVER EXACTLY HOW FAR SMITH INDICATED TO KISSINGER HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO GO....

"ANY COMPROMISE PRESUMABLY WILL ALLOW A LONGER TRANSITION FROM WHITE TO BLACK RULE.

"J. NKOMO ... SAID SUNDAY THAT MAJORITY RULE WOULD HAVE TO COME ABOUT IN THAT COUNTRY WITHIN NINE TO 12 MONTHS.
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"(... GEORGE BUSH, HEAD OF THE CIA, SAID ON ABC'S TV 'ISSUES AND ANSWERS' THAT THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA IS 'DETERIORATING. THE STATUS QUO APPEARS TO BE INTOLERABLE AND WE COULD GET TO A SITUATION WHERE WE COULD HAVE MASS SLAUGHTER.')

"KISSINGER LOOKED WEARY AND SOMBER TONIGHT FROM HIS WEEK OF TRYING TO THREAD HIS WAY THROUGH THE BLACK-WHITE MAZE OF ISSUES, FACTIONS AND PERSONALITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING THE BLACK AFRICANS, KISSINGER REFUSED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SMITH AND ... IN PUBLIC REFERENCES TO SMITH, REFERRED TO HIM AS 'MR. SMITH'

AND NOT PRIME MINISTER.

"... KISSINGER AND SMITH, MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME, FIRST TALKED ALONE FOR A HALF HOUR. THEY WERE THEN JOINED BY THEIR AIDES.

"THE TALKS ON RHODESIA WERE CONTINUED TONIGHT IN VORSTER'S RESIDENCE, WITH VORSTER PRESENT. LATER CAME THE KISSINGER-VORSTER DISCUSSION ABOUT NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA, IN ADDITION TO ITS CONTROL OF NAMIBIA, WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAS RULED IS ILLEGAL, PARTIALLY CONTROLS THE FATE OF NEIGHBORING RHODESIA."

2. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN FROM PRETORIA): "KISSINGER EXPECTS SMITH TO APPROVE PLAN ON BLACK RULE; RHODESIAN RETURNS HOME; SKEPTICISM PERSISTS ON THE QUICK BREAKTHROUGH DESPITE REPORT OF PROGRESS BY SECRETARY"

"SEC OF STATE KISSINGER SAID TONIGHT THAT AFTER EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH PM SMITH HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE LEADER OF THE WHITE-RULE REGIME WOULD RECOMMEND TO HIS AIDES THAT RHODESIA ACCEPT A PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

"BUT THERE WERE NO DETAILS PROVIDED, AND IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER A BREAKTHROUGH WAS IMMINENT ON RHODESIA OR NOT. UNCLASSIFIED

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IN ADDITION, BECAUSE IN THE PAST MR. SMITH HAS ENTERED NEGOTIATIONS AND THEN PULLED OUT, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM HERE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A QUICK MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEW ACCORD.

"SPEAKING OUTSIDE THE HOME OF PM VORSTER, KISSINGER LOOKED WEARY AND GRIM, BUT HE CLEARLY WANTED TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ... PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. ...

"I AM SATISFIED THAT MR. SMITH'S CLOSE COLLABORATORS WILL REPORT FAVORABLY TO THEIR OTHER COLLEAGUES,' HE SAID.

"KISSINGER WAS ASKED IF THIS MEANT A BREAKTHROUGH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED ON RHODESIA -- SOMETHING THAT HAD NOT BEEN ANTICIPATED WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON SEVEN DAYS AGO. HE DECLINED TO CALL IT THAT, ASSERTING THAT OBVIOUSLY IF PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO REPORT TO THE RHODESIAN CABINET.

"LATER TONIGHT, REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT THEY SHOULD ASSUME SOMETHING OF CONSIDERABLE CONSEQUENCES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, BUT NO DETAILS WERE PROVIDED.

"-. IN PRETORIA TONIGHT, SOME LONG-TIME OBSERVERS OF THE RHODESIAN SCENE CAUTIONED THAT WHILE KISSINGER MIGHT BELIEVE HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT, SMITH HAS IN THE PAST SEEMED TO SUPPORT A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR HIS SOCIETY, ONLY TO BACKTRACK FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER -- THEREBY EARNING HIM THE ENMITY OF THE BRITISH.

"WHAT MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS TIME, AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE SAID, IS THAT SMITH IS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE NOT ONLY FROM THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN TO MOVE TOWARD BLACK MAJORITY RULE, BUT THAT VORSTER ... HAS ALSO URGED HIM TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.

" ... A LARGE CROWD OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS CROWDED THE LAWN OF THE EMBASSY ON THIS WARM SPRING DAY AND NOTED THAT KISSINGER REFUSED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SMITH --
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OVIOUSLY UNWILLING TO HAVE SUCH A PICTURE APPEAR IN BLACK AFRICA WHERE SMITH IS DETESTED.

"THIS EVENING, KISSINGER AND SMITH CONFERRED WITH VORSTER AT HIS HOME AND AGAIN MORE THAN 200 REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSEMBLED, AND AS DARKNESS SWEEPED OVER THE AREA, WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT THE TALKS. AGAIN, KISSINGER REFUSED ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GROUP.

"FINALLY, KISSINGER EMERGED AND WAS ILLUMINATED BY TELEVISION LIGHTS. HE SAID: (FULL QUOTATION)

"... AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID LATER THAT AFTER KISSINGER MADE HIS STATEMENT ON RHODESIA, HE AND VORSTER SPENT TWO AND A HALF HOURS MORE DISCUSSING S-W AFRICA AND THAT 'CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS' WAS MADE.

"... THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

"A NEW RHODESIAN CONFERENCE, CONVENED BY BRITAIN AFTER RHODESIAN LEADERS ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE, PROTECTION FOR WHITE MINORITY RIGHTS, AND TRANSITION TO THE NEW RULE IN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. AT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE THE WHITE RHODESIANS AND THE BLACK NATIONALISTS, AS WELL PERHAPS AS SOME NEIGHBORING BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

"TO SERVE AS AN INCENTIVE THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN HAVE WORKED OUT A PLAN TO GUARANTEE WHITE PROPERTY OWNERS
...

"THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK FOR THE WHITE RHODESIANS IS THE TIMING. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT A TWO-

YEAR TRANSITION, AND THERE WAS NO FIRM SIGN OF ANY CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION.

"ALSO UNCLEAR WAS WHETHER SMITH WOULD RESIGN. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE BELIEVED THAT NO PLAN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BLACK LEADERS UNLESS SMITH LEFT THE SCENE, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THIS.

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"THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS MADE NO STATEMENTS ON THEIR OWN. ... "

3. HEARST

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN (WALLACH), PRETORIA: KISSINGER'S WEEKOLD DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE RETURNED TO BLACK AFRICA TODAY WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN UNPRECEDENTED COMMITMENT FROM RHODESIAN WHITE MINORITY LEADER SMITH TO SUPPORT US-BRITISH PLAN FOR ATWO YEAR TRANSITION TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

...KISSINGER WAS SAID TO HAVE DELIBERATELY AVOIDED COMMENTS ABOUT ANY BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SMITH WITH A DECENT OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE RHODESIAN PUBLIC FOR DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD AHEAD.

...ALSO KISSINGER RULED OUT A RETURN TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA OR ANYWHERE ELSE FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH SMITH WHICH SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT AMERICAN POLICYMAKER HAD ACHIEVED WHAT HE HAD SET OUT TO A COMMITMENT FOR A NONVIOLENT TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

IN EFFECT, KISSINGER AGREED TO "NEGOTIATE" WITH SMITH WITHOUT DEMANDING ANY SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC SURRENDER SO RHODESIAN LEADER WOULD HAVE A "FACE SAVING" DEVICE TO CLAIM HE HAD EXTRACTED NEW GUARANTEES FOR PROTECTING WHITE MINORITY RIGHTS.

BUT KISSINGER ALSO REPORTEDLY WANTED TO LIMIT SUSPICIONS OF BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS THAT A DEAL HAD BEEN STRUCK ON SOUTH AFRICA TO ESTABLISH A "PUPPET" MAJORITY GOVT IN RHODESIA. SOVIET UNION ALREADY HAS MADE THESE CHARGES FOR MORE THAN A WEEK.

THIS CONCERN MAY IN FACT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO KISSINGER'S DECISION TO MAINTAIN CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SMITH.. KISSINGER REFUSED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE RHODESIAN PM.

ALSO, KISSINGER REFERRED TO RHODESIA'S HEAD OF GOVT ONLY AS "MR. SMITH" AND TO HIS THREE CABINET AIDES AS "COLLABORATORS."

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A MAJOR PART OF THE SMITH-KISSINGER TALKS WERE DEVOTED TO WORKING OUT DETAILS OF A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR "INSURANCE" FUND THAT COULD BE USED EITHER TO COMPENSATE WHITE FOR THEIR PROPERTY IF IT IS EXPROPRIATED OR AS AN INCENTIVE TO PERSUADE THEM TO REMAIN IN RHODESIA.

WIRES:

1. UPI (ANDERSON FROM LUSAKA): "HENRY KISSINGER SAID TODAY BE BELIEVES 'CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS' HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETINGS IN PRETORIA WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS OF WHITE-RULED RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

"...NEWSMEN ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE WERE TOLD HIS 7 AND 1/2 HOURS OF TALKS WITH SMITH HAD PRODUCED 'MAJOR PROGRESS AND THAT ON THE BASIS OF THOSE TALKS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD FULL NEGOTIATIONS ON MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA IS NOW POSSIBLE.'

"US OFFICIALS ABOARD THE PLANE SAID KISSINGER HAS NO PLANS TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA DURING HIS CURRENT SHUTTLE AND THERE WOULD BE NO NEED, OR POINT, IN HIS GOING TO RHODESIA.

"... 'I AM SATISFIED THAT MR. SMITH AND HIS COLLABORATORS WILL REPORT FAVORABLY TO THEIR COLLEAGUES,' KISSINGER SAID SUNDAY.

"'I EXPECT THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WILL BE COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE WEEK,' KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY.

"... REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH THE KISSINGER PARTY WERE TOLD THE TALKS REPRESENTED 'MAJOR PROGRESS.'

"ON THE FLIGHT TO SOUTH AFRICA, A SENIOR US OFFICIAL HAD TOLD REPORTERS A MEETING WITH THE RHODESIAN LEADER WAS UNLIKELY UNLESS IT COULD BE ASSUMED SMITH WAS PREPARED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TOWARD BLACK RULE IN NAMIBIA. "
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2. REUTERS (NELSON FROM LUSAKA): "US SEC OF STATE KISSINGER EXPECTS RHODESIA'S WHITE-RUN GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE A CLEAR STATEMENT THIS WEEK THAT COULD PAVE THE WAY TO SWIFT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD MAJORITY RULE, US OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

"THE RHODESIAN STATEMENT MAY MENTION A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE

FOR THE EXTENSION OF POWER TO RHODESIA'S SIX MILLION BLACKS, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

"IF THE RHODESIAN RESPONSE TO NEW PEACE PROPOSALS IS FAVORABLE, AS KISSINGER CLEARLY EXPECTS, VISIBLE PROGRESS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN TWO MONTHS TOWARD SOLVING THE RHODESIAN CRISIS, THE OFFICIALS ADDED.

"KISSINGER ARRIVED HERE THIS AFTERNOON FROM PRETORIA, CLAIMING HE HAD MADE 'CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS'

"THE PROPOSALS WERE NOT PUBLICLY DISCLOSED, BUT AN OFFICIAL ON BOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE IDEAS WERE 'WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK' PREVIOUSLY WORKED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN AND APPROVED BY BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS.

"THAT FRAMEWORK INITIALLY CALLED FOR A SURRENDER OF POLITICAL DOMINATION BY RHODESIA'S WHITES WITHIN TWO YEARS.

"THE OFFICIAL DECLINE TO SPECIFY WHETHER THE TWO-YEAR DEADLINE, SET BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN LAST MARCH WHEN HE WAS FOREIGN SECRETARY, STILL STANDS.

"THERE HAVE BEEN CLEAR SIGNS , HOWEVER, THAT BOTH THE DEADLINE AND PERHAPS OTHER DEMANDS ON RHODESIA HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY SOFTENED.

"THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT IF ALL SIDES IN THE DISPUTE HAD STUCK TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS, NO NEGOTIATION WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

"THE OFFICIAL PREDICTED THAT SMITH, WHO RETURNED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SALISBURY LAST NIGHT TO REPORT ON HIS EIGHT HOURS OF TALKS WITH KISSINGER YESTERDAY, WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME PERSUADING MORE MILITANT WHITE RHODESIANS TO ACCEPT THE US AND BRITISH PROPOSALS. BUT HE SAID HE FELT MR. SMITH WOULD PREVAIL.

"SMITH MUST FIRST CONSULT HIS CABINET AND THEN A CAUCUS OF THE RULING RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY BEFORE RESPONDING TO KISSINGER, THE OFFICIAL SAID. THE RESPONSE IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

"WHILE THE RHODESIAN CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE, KISSINGER WILL BE TRYING TO PERSUADE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS THAT PROGRESS HAS IN FACT BEEN ACHIEVED -- AND DETERMINING WHETHER ANY CONCESSIONS HE MAY HAVE MADE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM."

3. LATE UPI ADD BY ANDERSON:

"US OFFICIALS SAID SMITH AGREED WITH KISSINGER TO PRESENT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR MAJORITY BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA TO HIS CABINET AND PARTY. THE OFFICIALS SAID THEY EXPECT SMITH TO GET THAT APPROVAL, BUT SAID ONE PRICE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE PROBABLY WOULD BE SMITH'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

"THE OFFICIALS SAID THEY ASSUMED THAT SMITH WOULD NOT BE THE INSTRUMENT CHOSEN, BY EITHER BLACK OR WHITE RHODESIANS, TO LEAD THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THEY EXPECT TO FOLLOW THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE.

"THE OFFICIALS INDICATED KISSINGER TOOK THE VIEW THAT SMITH AND HIS RHODESIAN DELEGATION BEHAVED WITH GREAT DIGNITY ON WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE MOST PAINFUL DAY OF THEIR LIVES, WITH SMITH ACCEPTING THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE THAT HE HAS FOUGHT AGAINST FOR YEARS.

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE WERE RELUCTANT TO REVEAL ANY DETAILS OF THE PACKAGE, WHICH THEY SAID HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY ACCEPTED BY SMITH. BUT THEY CONFIRMED THESE ELEMENTS:
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" - THERE WILL BE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, INVOLVING BRITAIN AND BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS, POSSIBLY WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS.

"- THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF THE FUTURE STATE OF ZIMBABWE WILL BE ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. NO DEFINITION OF MAJORITY RULE WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE SOME BLACK GROUPS HAS EVER BEEN CONSIDERED.

" - THE TIMEFRAME IS WITHIN THE TWO-YEAR LIMIT SET OUT IN THE ORIGINAL BRITISH PLAN WHICH SMITH AT ONE STAGE IN PAST YEARS APPEARED TO ACCEPT AND THEN LATER REJECTED."

RADIO/TV:

1. BERNARD KALB, CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP:

"THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE RETURNED TO BLACK AFRICA TODAY, THE SECRETARY, IMMEDIATELY UPON DEBARKING, CLAIMING THAT HIS WEEKEND OF TALKS WITH RHODESIA'S PM SMITH AND SOUTH AFRICA'S VORSTER HAD REGISTERED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN MEETING BLACK AFRICA'S DEMANDS FOR ANY NON-VIOLENT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA. REPORTERS FLYING ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE FROM PRETORIA TO LUSAKA WERE TOLD THAT THE US EXPECTS A CLEAR STATEMENT BY RHODESIA

BY THE END OF THIS WEEK THAT WILL MOVE MATTERS SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITE IN RHODESIA. SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE MEANINGFUL FOR BLACK AFRICA ONLY IF WHITE-RULE RHODESIA, HOWEVER, TRAUMATICALLY, GOES ALONG WITH THE CONCEPT OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE. THAT US OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL THAT RHODESIAN LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SUCH A STEP, WAS CLEARLY INDICATED BY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ABOUT PROGRESS YESTERDAY FOLLOWING EIGHT HOURS OF TALKS WITH SMITH. BUT IF SMITH PROJECTED AN IMPRESSION OF GOING ALONG WITH KISSINGER'S VIEW ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE, SMITH MUST STILL WIN THE CONCURRENCE OF HIS HARDLINE GOVERNMENT -- THAT IS NOT A SURE THING. SIMILAR EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION OVER THE PAST DECADE TOUCHED OFF INITIAL OPTIMISM, FOLLOWED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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A BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS CAUSED BY THE SMITH REGIME. IN OTHER WORDS, THE FATE OF THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE ON RHODESIA IS STILL IN SUSPENSE."

2. RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC-TV "TODAY SHOW":

"AT THE FIRST SESSION AT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, KISSINGER LAID OUT THE TERMS FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AS FORMULATED BY THE US, GREAT BRITAIN AND BLACK AFRICAN PRESIDENTS. KISSINGER AGREED TO SEE SMITH ONLY AFTER GETTING WORD THAT SMITH WAS READY TO MAKE MAJOR PROGRESS. THE RHODESIAN PM CAME TO THE MEETING EAGER TO PRESENT HIS CASE FIRSTHAND TO KISSINGER, AND SATISFIED THAT HE WAS FINALLY INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN THE TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HIS COUNTRY. KISSINGER CAREFULLY AVOIDED BEING PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SMITH SO THAT PICTURES OF THE TWO MEN WOULD NOT APPEAR THROUGHOUT BLACK AFRICA, WHICH IS ALREADY SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS. AFTER A FOUR HOUR MEETING, SMITH LEFT TO CONSULT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AND HE THEN HAD ANOTHER LONG SESSION WITH KISSINGER LAST NIGHT. KISSINGER SAID AFTERWARDS THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND LATER THIS WEEK HE EXPECTS RHODESIA TO TAKE A MAJOR STEP LEADING TO ACTUAL BLACK-WHITE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA. KISSINGER BELIEVES THOSE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS TWO MONTHS FROM NOW."

3. BARRIE DUNSMORE, ABC-TV, "GOOD MORNING AMERICA":

"SMITH AND KISSINGER MET FOR SOME EIGHT HOURS YESTERDAY BUT BY KISSINGER'S DESIGN THEY CAME AND LEFT SEPARATELY AND WERE NOT FILMED OR PHOTOGRAPHED TOGETHER. KISSINGER HAD TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF SMITH TO JUSTIFY THIS MEETING, THOUGH HE HAD REFUSED HIS ORIGINAL DEMANDS THAT SMITH ACCEPT IN ADVANCE THE CONCEPT OF

MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. FOR HIS PART, SMITH HAS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST DECADE COME CLOSE TO THE CONCEPT OF MAJORITY RULE, ONLY TO CHANGE HIS MIND UNDER PRESSURES AT HOME. THIS TIME, ONCE AGAIN, THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS, BUT ONCE AGAIN SMITH IS GOING HOME

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TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIS CABINET AND PARTY. KISSINGER PUT IT THIS WAY IN A STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING:

"KISSINGER: 'I AM SATISFIED THAT MR. SMITH AND HIS THREE CLOSE COLLABORATORS WILL REPORT FAVORABLY TO THEIR OTHER COLLEAGUES.'

"(DUNSMORE) IT IS REASONABLE THAT DETAILS ARE BEING WITHHELD UNTIL SMITH TALKS TO HIS CABINET AND KISSINGER TALKS WITH BLACK LEADERS. BUT UNTIL THOSE MEETINGS AND DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ANY DECLARATION ON A BREAK-THROUGH IN RHODESIA IS DECIDEDLY PREMATURE."

4. B. KALB, CBS-TV MORNING NEWS:

"IT WAS A DAY OF INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS, THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE MOVING TOWARD A DECISIVE MOMENT IN THE EFFORT TO SOLVE THE CRISIS IN RHODESIA. THE SECRETARY SHOWED UP FOR THE MORNING ROUND OF TALKS LOOKING LIKE SOMEONE CARRYING THE WEIGHT OF AFRICA, UNSMILING, SOMBER, DETERMINED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO PREVAIL OVER RHODESIA'S PM SMITH. SMITH WAS NOT MET AT THE DOOR BY KISSINGER -- A KIND OF DIPLOMATIC SNUB. KISSINGER APPARENTLY DID NOT WANT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE RHODESIAN LEADER, REGARDED BY BLACK AFRICA AS A RACIST. BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AS REPORTERS RESTLESSLY WAITED THROUGH FOUR HOURS OF TALKS, KISSINGER ARGUED ON BEHALF OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE FOR RHODESIA, IN AN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE WHAT HE REGARDS AS INEVITABLE AND THEREBY HEAD OFF A RACIAL WAR THAT MIGHT ULTIMATELY PRODUCE SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT. SMITH LATER EMERGING DODGING QUESTIONS, HIS GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT THE US IS PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH THE LIVES OF RHODESIA WHITE-RULING MINORITY. THE SCENE SHIFTED IN THE EARLY EVENING TO THE RESIDENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PM VORSTER; AGAIN NO PICTURES, THE CAMERAMEN BEING SERVED A DISPLAY OF OFFICIAL WIVES.

"FOUR HOURS OF TOUGH BARGAINING INTO THE NIGHT WITH KISSINGER DETAILING A PLAN TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FUND TO COMPENSATE RHODESIA'S WHITE SETTLERS FOR ANY LOSSES IN A TRANSFER OF POWER. (FROM PRETORIA)"

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